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During special meeting

County Commissioners address funding for senior center meals

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

The Coffee County Commission held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 30, to address concerns over meals for the senior centers.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tom Grimsley. Following the prayer, and pledge, Grimsley stated the purpose of the meeting was to address the shortage of funds from SARCOA to senior centers, which is cutting into the number of meals the centers are provided.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said when the federal and state government handled the funds it was level funding. Due to this, there was an increase in the price of the meals.

"Because the increase wasn't expected there was nothing the legislature could do to correct it in the budget," said Stephens.

He added that the legislature is supposed to attempt to fix this when members reconvene in February.

Stephens made a motion to appropriate funds to cover the loss of meals at the senior centers. The motion stated the

funds would equal \$4,000 for the year to be paid by quarterly increments out of the general fund or until the legislature approved more funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J.L. Weeks.

When the floor was opened up for discussion, Commissioner Grimsley asked if the centers had any funds that would carry over into the new fiscal year, beginning Wednesday. County administrator Kathy Lolley said all but one senior center had funds that would carry over.

"If the centers have money, why should we dip into the general funds if funds should come available in February?" asked Grimsley.

J.L. Weeks then stated the general fund was the immediate solution, but he was in agreement with any way to continue to provide meals.

Grimsley then made a motion to amend the original motion to use the carryover funds from senior centers to provide for the meals. The amendment received a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks.

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Coffee County Roasters brings a new aroma to Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Ever since the owners of Emerald Coast Coffee and Grille purchased the old county board of education building in downtown Elba to house Coffee County Roasters, citizens of Elba have awaited the tantalizing aroma of fresh coffee.

The wait is no more.

While Coffee County Roasters serves as the headquarters for roasting coffee beans for Emerald Coast Coffee and Grille, the local business is also mainly going to be a training facility. According to Rory Vignola, general manager/master

roaster for Coffee County Roasters, local citizens will, however, be able to purchase their coffee beans by the pound or half pound from the Elba business.

Vignola said, Wednesdays from 8 a.m. until 12 noon will be the set time for selling coffee, and Wednesday, Oct. 8, will be the first official day for selling the product.

"If the sign on the door says open, that means I'm here and will sell coffee to our customers," he said. "I'm not going to turn anyone away if I can help it."

When customers visit Coffee

County Roasters for the first time, Vignola said he will be glad to give them a tour and explain what is done at the facility. He also said he will make customers aware of upcoming cupping classes in which he says will be a lot of fun for him and those who want to learn more about the different coffee beans offered by the company.

Vignola said the company has 12 coffees to choose from including nine single-origin cultivars (single-origin beans) and three blends. He said three different coffees will most likely be featured each month, but if a customer comes in wanting something different, he

will certainly get it for them.

Vignola said the beans being featured this month are Brazil, Black & Tan and Indian. The coffee can be purchased by the pound or half pound. Customers with an Elba ID or address will receive a discount on their purchase.

"Right now, we are concentrating on getting the whole bean out to people," said Vignola. "We are not a quantity coffee company. We are a quality coffee company."

Currently, Coffee County Roasters will not feature a café, but Vignola said he does hope to one day down the road be able to add a café.

21st Century Community Learning Center coming to Elba City Schools

Parents of students in grades K-8 at Elba City Schools are encouraged to attend a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. in the Elba Elementary School lunchroom to receive information regarding the new 21st Century Community Learning Center.

The Community Learning Center will begin operations in November and will offer interested students a variety of programs in an extended-day setting. The center will, of course, offer academic remediation and enrichment classes and assist with homework.

In addition, students will choose from a variety of extra-curricular programs which might include, but are not limited to, art, music and dance, computer publishing, "cheer-nastics", environmental science and tennis.

Parents will have the opportunity to complete enrollment applications for students. Contact Ms. Brackins or Mrs. McCollough at 897-2814 for additional information.

Area Happenings

THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Oct. 3, with the New Brockton Gamecocks playing host to the Elba Tigers, the Zion Chapel Rebels hosting Reel-town, the Kinston Bulldogs hosting Arlton and the Brantley Bulldogs hosting Pleasant Home. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

THE ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB will meet Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The Athletic Club is made up of Elba Tiger parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and former Elba Tigers who come together to help make the all of the athletic programs at Elba the best they can be.

THE SOUTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Main Center located at 19815 Bay Branch Road, Andalusia, Ala.

THE ELBA HOMECOMING PARADE will be held Friday, Oct. 17. Entries may enter the lineup at 1:30 p.m. behind the old Elba High School. The parade will begin promptly at 3 p.m. Anyone interested in an entry should contact Jane Moseley at (334) 897-2266. Entry deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Fundraising goal exceeded during Jack Day Festival

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of Altrusa International of Jack, Ala., received the help they were looking for Saturday, Sept. 20, when the community overwhelming supported the fifth annual Jack Day Festival and Walk for Literacy.

The event was held on the campus of Zion Chapel School and serves as the club's primary fund-raiser for the year.

According to Altrusa member Britley Parker, the local organization recognizes literacy as its mission. She said the club promotes literacy through various projects such as buying dictionaries for third and eighth graders and buying books for the school's library and classrooms.

Other service projects funded by Altrusa of Jack include: awarding three monetary scholarships per year, buying books for the local daycare, sponsoring Christmas families and purchasing Bingo prizes for the senior citizens center.

To fulfill the needs of the community, Parker said the club relies on funds raised through the Jack Day Festival and Walk for Literacy.

"It's gotten bigger every year," said Parker. "And, we had our best turnout ever this year."

Prior to the event, Parker said club members set a goal to raise \$10,000 during this year's Jack Day Festival and Walk for Literacy. When all was said and done, she said the community certainly answered the call for help as the goal was not only met but surpassed.



The Zion Chapel Jr. High Volleyball team was the winner of the Altrusa Walk-A-Thon (Walk for Literacy) held Saturday, Sept. 20, in Zion Chapel. The Jr. High team received a prize of \$500 for their efforts in raising the most money. Shown presenting Coach Shasta Arnett with a check for \$500 is Altrusa club member Amy Rugg. Those pictured above include: (back row, l to r) Amy Rugg, Shasta Arnett, Jencie Allen, Brooke Manning, George Anna Andrews, Alex Ketcham and Madalyn Ingram; (middle row) Shelby Sorrells, Lexy Rugg and Kelsea Fillingam; and (front row) Whitney Rugg and Kahla Allen.

Parker said approximately \$12,000 was raised during the event, and this money will go a long way in helping Altrusa of Jack fulfill its mission.

"It was a great day with a great turnout," said Parker. "We thank the community for helping to make this year's Jack Day Festival and Walk for Literacy the best yet."



RECOGNITION UPON RETIREMENT...Dennis Coleman, right, is shown receiving a plaque upon his retirement after serving 24 years as Elba Water Department Supervisor. Making the presentation is Elba Mayor James Grimes. Coleman began his work with the Elba Water and Electric Department on August 6, 1984. He was honored on his last day of work with a reception at City Hall Tuesday morning, Sept. 30. Prior to working with Elba he served 21 years in the U.S. Army.

Elba Fire Department conducts MDA boot drive



Members of the Elba Fire Department donate a lot of time to serve the community, and last Saturday, Sept. 27, was no different as the local firefighters spent four hours standing at intersections in Elba accepting monetary donations to benefit "Jerry's Kids." The local department conducts an annual "Fill-the-Boot" campaign to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). This year, the Elba firefighters collected \$3,000 that will be given to MDA. Above, firefighters Jeremy Sanders and Drew Parker stand at a downtown intersection graciously accepting any and all monetary donations during the boot drive. Additional photos from last Saturday's boot drive can be found on Page 13.



Rory Vignola (left), general manager and roast master for Coffee County Roasters, is shown above at the recent Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet explaining the difference between three coffees featured during the event. Coffee County Roasters participated in the "Taste of Elba" portion of the banquet to offer those attending the banquet a preview of "what's to come" when the company begins selling its product(s) next Wednesday, Oct. 8. Vignola said he is excited to be a part of this company and looks forward to introducing the company's coffee to local residents.

Elba and New Brockton prepare for municipal run-off elections to be held Tuesday, Oct. 7th

Both Elba and New Brockton officials currently are preparing to hold municipal run-off elections on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

In the City of Elba, a run-off election is required to decide the council member spot for District 3. This election will be decided between the incumbent Mike McKee and his challenger H.H. "Junior" Culver. Only those residents residing in Dis-

trict 3 will be able to vote in this election. All voters in New Brockton will be asked to make their selection for the town's next mayor. The run-off election for mayor will be decided between Rodger Harrison and Lenwood Heron.

Polls will be open on Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. in Elba and New Brockton.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The stock market's hope must be that whichever rescue plan the president ultimately signs will ease credit access for businesses and consumers. "Can the eventual availability of \$700 billion in federal buying power reinvigorate the \$20 trillion U.S. housing market, the \$4 trillion corporate bond market, the \$1.7 trillion commercial paper market or the \$2.5 trillion pool of asset-backed securities?" That above stuff was copied, as we have no idea what most of it means. We do understand that this "commercial paper" stuff can have a direct impact on the guy on the street. If it goes into lock down, our much loved credit card could become worthless! That is because the credit card company couldn't get credit to do business with any of us, regardless of how good our credit might be. All the other things mentioned could also impact each of us, even if indirectly. If there are no home loans, there are no homes being built, thus no builders would have jobs. If car loans dry up, no cars are sold and car makers would shut down; the folks who supply and/or sell them would also shut down. No people working, no people buying so retail outlets all up and down the street would shut down or at least cut lots of employees.

Does all that mean you will be feeling the credit crunch? Maybe not. But it is an indication that the cracks on Main Street could spread to your pocketbook, even without a federally funded bailout . . . and with worse results.

Now we are not in panic mode because we KNOW in our trusting heart that something will be worked out, but the above possibilities are the very reason to hope the Washington crowd will get past their blame game antics and come to some workable solution to this major, major problem. Then we would hope there will be some rules added to prevent such an event in the future. Gosh we detest regulations with a purple passion, but when people in control on Wall Street (or in political power) get overly greedy, and it begins to hurt everyone else in home town USA, there is just no other answer. That is unless we reinstate the firing squads of Iraq and give them a plane ticket to America.

Money is on our mind this week. Monday evening we attended an Elba City Council workshop on the budget for the upcoming year. The news isn't real good there either. Money is real short, they don't want to cut services nor raise taxes so ??? Cost of electric power continues to rise and already public statements have been made by power companies with predictions of even higher cost - and soon. That means even less money available from the utility department. The City Fathers will ultimately have to do something. Even our simple 2 plus 2 math indicates it has got to happen. Add in drainage problems on Smith Avenue, several places in Mulberry, etc. and it gets worse. Engineers are already looking at these problems, according to discussions at the workshop. We know they don't engineer for free nor do they usually offer repair options that are without cost. But the problems must be addressed - and soon.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 22, 2008, investigated the following incidents: three for harassing communications, one for unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, one for forgery, one for vehicle damage, two for assault, one for domestic violence, two for attempted burglary, two for driving under the influence, one for a structure fire, two for unauthorized use of a vehicle, three for theft of property, one for harassment, one for criminal trespassing and two for criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for driving under the influence, one for theft of property, one for criminal mischief, one for failure to appear and one for probation violation.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for violation of the noise ordinance, ten for not wearing a seat belt, one for speeding, three for a suspended driver's license, two for an expired tag, five for no insurance, one for running a red light, one for a revoked driver's license, two for driving without first obtaining a driver's license and three for failure to display insurance.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT. 22 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 209 Plant Ave. (7:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 220 County Rd. 401, Lot 9 (8:32 a.m.); Coffee

County EMS dispatched to 5239 County Rd. 228 (10:34 a.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 745 Lee St. (5:24 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 76 County Rd. 368 (7:16 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23 - One-vehicle wreck reported at Hwy. 84 E. and Stroud Ave. (12:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at Hwy. 84 E. and Stroud Ave. (12:53 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a structure fire at Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 166 (7:17 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 220 County Rd. 401 (2:17 p.m.); Burglary reported at 301 Larkin Rd. (6:08 p.m.); Possible gun discharged reported near 1022 Martin Luther King Dr. (11:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1470 County Rd. 401 (5:36 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the area beside 1425 Martin Luther King Dr. (11:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2871 County Rd. 201 (3:51 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 951 Neil Grantham Dr. (6:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1047 Sunset Blvd. (10:59 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire behind 2587 Old Curtis Rd. (12:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1608 Fox

Dr. (4:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at 2509 Old Curtis Rd. (6:26 p.m.); Fight reported at 1619 Caroline St. (9:28 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 24127 Hwy. 167 (1:23 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Plant Ave. (9:02 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson (10:00 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

• **ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S.** - addition, recovery ministry services - 7 p.m. - 1st Baptist Church - Call 565-3701 or visit the website: www.abusingchemical.com

• **ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** - every Thursday at 6 p.m. - 1st Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more info.

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Call FREE 1-800-772-1213 or visit the website at www.ssa.gov

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN.** - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett - Classroom

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Fann Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LEONIS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office



Enterprise-Ozark Community College's students on the Enterprise Campus celebrated Constitution Day. The day was established by law in 2004 with an amendment to Omnibus spending bill proposed by Senator Robert Byrd. The day was designated to be September 17 annually. A trivia game between two teams selected from the audience tested knowledge of the Constitution and the history surrounding it. Pictured is the winning team, from right to left, Thomas Grote of Noonan, Georgia, Shawn Davies of Daleville, Daniel Hancock of Hank, and Brandy Danley of New Brockton.

Continuous sign-up announced for FY2009 EQIP

State Conservationist Gary Kobylski has announced a continuous sign-up for the Fiscal Year 2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Alabama landowners, including limited resource producers and new or beginning farmers, who have resource concerns on pasture land, cropland, forest, or land used for wildlife are encouraged to participate.

For more information, contact the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office, listed in the telephone book

establishment of permanent covers, erosion control, grazing protection, wildlife habitat enhancement, soil quality, and various water quality protection systems. Forestry practices that are generally supported include tree planting, forest stand improvement, site preparation for natural regeneration and forest stand analysis leading to better forest management.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba_clipper.com

SARAH LUCILLE THORNTON

Mrs. Sarah Lucille Thornton, age 82, of Greenville, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008, at Crown Nursing Home in Greenville.

Funeral services were held Sept. 25, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Michael Green officiating. Burial followed in the Liberty Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Thornton was preceded in death by her mother, Bessie Ophelia Eiland; father, Esmer Eiland; a son, Michael Thomas Thornton; and a granddaughter, Stephanie King.

Survivors include four sons: James Griffin Thornton, Jr. (Anne), Knoxville, Tenn.; John Allen Thornton, Brewton, Ala.; Glen David Thornton (Lynn), Lapine, Ala.; Sidney Craig Thornton, Brewton, Ala.; one daughter, Sally, Allaway, Thornton (Bruce Barnes), Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JEANETTE SIMMONS

Mrs. Jeanette (Smith) Simmons, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29, 2008 at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Shirley Ellis officiating. Burial followed in the Rosin Ridge Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

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ELBA: five great-grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jeanette (Smith) Simmons, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

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THELMA MAE HIGHTOWER

Mrs. Thelma Mae Hightower, age 85, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, at Opp Nursing Home, Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 25, 2008 at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Opp, with Rev. Johnny Lawrence officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba, Ala., directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Hightower; parents, nine brothers and sisters; and one child, Carolyn Lee Lawrence.

Survivors include five children: Robert Hightower (Joyce), Elba; Maylon Sue (Tavis Smith), J. L. Smith, Rogers, Irvington, N.J.; Gladys Smiley and Alice Juanita Dozier, both of Opp; one stepson: James (Annie) Boswell, Troy, Ala.; one goddaughter: Mittle Jewel Edwards; 20 grandchildren; two brothers: Burlive (Glenn) Jones, Elba; Wilbert (Mary) Jones, Batavia, Ill.; one sister: Voncille Jones, Irvington; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

AMOS NATHANIEL "PETE" SMITH

Mr. Amos Nathaniel "Pete" Smith, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008, at Extendicare Hospice Facility in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Shirley Hatcher, Rev. Marcus Ramer and Rev. Phillip Nelson officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by a son Jerry Nathan Smith and a great-grandson Stephen Lamar Davis.

Survivors include his wife: Gertrude Chappell Smith, Elba; two daughters: Elaine Davis and Sue (husband Tony) Adkins, all of Elba; one son: Scott (wife Barbara) Smith, Elba; three grandsons: Ray Davis (wife Debra), Troy, Ala.; J.D. Davis and Chris Smith, both of Elba; granddaughters: Michelle Adkins and Anna Smith, both of Elba; two great-grandsons: Erick Davis and John Davis, both of Elba; along with a sister: Ida Faye Liles, Brewton, Ala.

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by Kiera Robertson



The Elba City Schools "Teacher Spotlight" this week is on Mrs. Debra Carpenter.

Carpenter attended Enterprise-Ozark Community College, where she received an Associate of Arts degree. Later, she went to Troy University in Dothan from which she graduated in December of 2007.

Carpenter came to Elba Elementary School to fill-in for Patricia Nicholson's kindergarten class for the spring semester last year. This school year, she began teaching her own fifth grade class.

She said her favorite thing about teaching is the students, and she loves to watch her students finally "get" an idea. She loves the challenge of meeting students at the level they are on and then taking them to the next.

"I have always dreamed of becoming a teacher," Carpenter said. "I think the idea of making a positive difference in so many lives is awesome."

Some of the things she likes about Elba are the faculty and administration at EES because they are extremely supportive of each other.

"Collaboration here is wonderful," she said. "I also have a very enthusiastic group this year that I look forward to teaching every day."

When Mrs. Carpenter is not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She and her husband have three children: Sierra, age 8, Daniel, age 7, and Madison, age 3.

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Tiger Tales

News from
Elba City Schools

Open House held at Elba Elementary

by Kiera Robertson

On Monday, Sept. 8, Elba Elementary School held its annual Open House.

The event started with a short PTO meeting conducted by PTO President Michelle Hudson, who welcomed parents and students and helped bridge the gap between parents and teachers.

After the meeting, parents and students took a journey to the classrooms giving students a chance to show their parents some of the things they do in their classes every day. Teachers discussed their discipline procedures, grading scales and classroom activities. Also, teachers showed parents some of the students' projects and talked about the new ideas for this school year.

Many teachers addressed the AMSTI Program (Alabama

Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS
Any girl in grades 7-12 interested in trying out for softball should see Ms. Betsy White to sign up and get a consent form. Tryouts will be October 20-21.

HOMECOMING BONFIRE
Elba High School Homecoming will be Oct. 17. The community is invited to join the team, coaches, cheerleaders, and band for a bonfire on Thursday night (Oct. 16)!

EES students enjoy football pep rallies

by Rich Singletary

This football season, pep rallies are alternating between the high school and the elementary school.

Every two weeks, students in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade join the band, Elbie, cheerleaders and fans in the Elba Elementary School cafeteria to get the football team pepped up for the game.

The pep rally begins around 2:15 p.m. and usually last for about 15 to 20 minutes. The program follows the same format as the high school pep rallies.

The band plays the fight song as the players come in, followed by a prayer and the Alma Mater. The cheerleaders lead a few cheers to get the crowd hyped up. Sometimes there is a game for the football players, the band, and maybe the students. The captains speak, and announcements are made.

Finally, the band plays "The Eye of the Tiger" as the players leave. While students exit, the band and cheerleaders continue to play and cheer.

First member named to "Tigers with Character" Club

Elba Elementary School's first member of the new "Tigers with Character" club is Jessica Lewis.

Jessica is in the third grade and is in Chris Head's class. She is the daughter of Casher Lewis and Kathy Parrish.

Jessica became the first member of the club on Thursday, Sept. 18, only two weeks after the introduction of the new program.

"I am excited to be the first member in the 'Tigers with Character' club," said Jessica. "In order to join the 'Tigers with Character' club, students must show in word or deed an example of each of the Six Pillars of Character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship). Each student in the school has a 'Tigers with Character' card and receives a punch on the card when they are caught showing one of the six character traits. When the card is filled, the student becomes a member of the 'Tigers with Character' club."

As a member of the club, Jessica's name was announced over the intercom, she received a prize and her picture was placed on a bulletin board at the school. At the end of the school year, Jessica will receive a certificate during awards day.

The club is being financed this year by a grant obtained from the Sprint Corporation.

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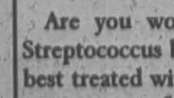
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SOAR THROAT: Virus or Strep?



Dr. Sorenson

Are you wondering if your sore throat requires antibiotics? Strep throat, named for the Streptococcus bacterium that causes the condition, is a particularly severe form of sore throat that is best treated with antibiotics. Strep throat can strike both children and adults, but only about five to ten percent of sore throats are caused by a bacterial infection. Most sore throats are caused by viral illnesses and are not responsive to treatment with antibiotics.

A true streptococcal infection of the throat often leads to excruciating throat pain accompanied by difficulty swallowing and even speaking. Fever may be present, and the tonsils are often covered with a whitish layer of pus. Cough and runny nose are not commonly related to strep throat, but it is possible to have a streptococcal infection along with a viral upper respiratory infection and symptoms of a cold.

The bacterial infection may result in enlarged, tender lymph nodes in the neck. Children may have an accompanying rash: a streptococcal infection along with a rash is commonly termed scarlet fever. It's important to distinguish between bacterial and viral causes of sore throats. Your doctor can perform a rapid strep test that generally indicates within a few minutes whether Streptococcus are present in the inflamed area. Alternatively, a culture sample can be taken from the throat area with a cotton swab and evaluated in the laboratory for bacterial growth. The culture usually takes about 24 hours before streptococci can be identified. Untreated streptococcal infection of the throat can lead to rheumatic fever, a disease that damages the heart valves and affects the joints. A kidney inflammation known as a glomerulonephritis, which results in impaired functioning of the kidney, can also occur if streptococcal infections are not adequately treated. Due to the availability of antibiotic treatment, both of these conditions are rarely seen today.

If you suspect that you or your child has strep throat, visit a clinic to be tested. Do not begin taking any antibiotics until a culture or strep test has been performed, since even one dose of antibiotic can influence the accuracy of the testing. If a swollen throat is causing breathing difficulties or severe problems with swallowing, seek immediate medical assistance.

* tip of the week *

Viruses can live on surfaces for several hours, so wash shared hotspots like phones and keyboards often.



Elba Elementary School students Cha'mir and Cha'mon Harris are shown above with Elba Tiger mascot Elbie following a recent pep rally held at the elementary school.

EES students welcome the Tigers to their cafeteria and look forward to the next time they get to participate. They are excited to be a part of game day festivities.

The high school seems to have benefited from the

change as well. This year, several people have noticed more energy and enthusiasm at the EES pep rallies than in the past. Students anticipate each pep rally, and their school pride is more evident during each program.

AMSTI pizza party planned for Tuesday, Oct. 7th

Parents of students in grades K-8 are invited to Elba Elementary School on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. for a pizza party celebrating the implementation of the Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) in Elba City Schools.

Science and math classes in each of these grades will have displays of science inquiries, math manipulatives and student work.

Pizza plates will include a slice of pizza, bag of chips and drink and can be purchased for \$3. Attendance cards for the pizza party were sent home and should be completed and returned to the school along with payment.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH, SCHOOLS & EDUCATION!

Jessica Lewis recently became the first Elba Elementary student to be named to the "Tigers with Character" Club.

Elba's Midget and Termite Tigers enjoying youth football season

by Lanchessica Cross

The City of Elba Parks and Recreation Department has encouraged students to take part in its little league football teams every fall. As in the past, this year the department sponsored three teams, divided by age groups: PeeWees, Midgets, and Termites.

The 2008 Midget Tigers are boys ages 5-7. They have won one game against Zion Chapel

and have two losses against Brantley and Luverne. The team is coached by Benji Herrington (head coach), Ray Kyles, Allen Herrington and Michael Spurlin.

Team members are as follows: Trey Funk, Collin Harrison, Jaden Purvis, Jeremiah Jordan, Gavin Caldwell, Isaiah Austin, Jacob Miller, Cedric Benton, Leon Williams, Marquez Whitfield, Avery Webster, Kendre Jordan, Omarion Terry.

Team coaches are Richard Kyles (head coach), Rob Stinson, Bill Robinson, Wayne Akridge and Chris English.

Team members include: Dontavious Williams, DeVorian Wilkerson, Bronsan Cooks, Monta King, Logan Davis, Cory Foster, Kaylun Grey, Grant Akridge, Mason Davis, Chase Mosley, Kenneth Amison, Tanner Hudson, Tre-Jan Head, Keshawne Williams, Markeem Whitfield, Braxton Robinson, Cavosha A. Stinson, Isaiah Kyles, Bridge Harrison, Rob English, Quan Jordan, Keshon Reese, Deshaun Edwards, Will Jones, Chase Nelson, Michael Gasca and Savion Edwards.

The Midgets, Termites and PeeWee Tigers will travel to Skipperville this Saturday.

Don't Forget to



SCHOOLS



by Cregg C Rushing

Focus on Faculty

by Jennifer Cook and Courtney Rhodes

This month's Focus on the Faculty is of the fourth grade teachers.

Mrs. Griswold's birthday is July 22nd. She is a 4th grade teacher who has been teaching for ten years.

Griswold said her favorite part about teaching is the children.

Griswold is married and just had her 10-year anniversary in August. She has a son named Sid who is a senior at EHS. She loves to fish.

Griswold graduated from Enterprise High School and attended Enterprise Junior College and Troy State University. Her biggest achievement is being nominated for Who's Who among American Teachers by a former student.

She is an Auburn fan, and her response to her most embarrassing moment was, "I would have to say when I fell every year until I got my tenure."

Griswold is involved with AEA, CCEA, BNSST, and she is the assistant coach of the Lady Rebels softball team. She said she loves teaching at Zion Chapel, and she loves her co-workers, the students, the parents and the community.

Mrs. Sasser's birthday is August 17th. She is a 4th grade teacher and has been teaching for seven years. Sasser said her favorite part about teaching is the children.

She is married and has two

children, Blake and Emily. Her hobbies are reading and camping.

Sasser graduated from Kingston High School. After high school she attended Troy State University.

She is not sure what her biggest achievement is, but she is an Auburn fan. She says that everyday she has some kind of blonde moment that is embarrassing.

Sasser is involved with AEA, CCEA, NEA, and Delta Kappa Gamma. She said she thinks...Zion Chapel is...!!

Mr. Herrington's birthday is August 1st. He is a 4th grade teacher and has been teaching for thirteen years.

Herrington said his favorite part about teaching is when the children "get it."

He is not married but he has four dogs, Callie, Patch, Haley, and Rocky. His hobbies are "playing" golf and tackling the "one armed bandit."

Herrington graduated from New Brocton High School and attended the University of Alabama, Enterprise State Junior College, and Troy State University. His biggest achievement is graduating from college.

He is an Alabama fan all the way. When we brought up embarrassing moments, he said there were too many to mention.

Herrington is involved in AEA, NEA, and CCEA. He also thinks Zion Chapel is number one, without a doubt!

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THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

During her freshman year at college we were able to help Melanie with many of her English papers, but now that she is a sophomore we have found our life is very different in English Literature. Last week we tried to help her finalize a paper and thought we did a pretty good job, but when she gave the paper to her instructor for review he didn't like anything about it and told her to start again. The second review wasn't quite as critical, but still gave us a few headaches, and I just hope when the grade comes out she won't be yelling at Mom and Dad and blaming us for a bad result.

Elba Tigers use big plays...

The Elba Tigers didn't have as much ammunition as usual in their arsenal last week when they visited Geneva, but had just enough bullets to get the job done and escaped with a wild 21-14 win that left many Tiger fans more than a little hoarse. The Tigers used a 57-yard touchdown pass, an 85-yard kickoff return and a 90-yard fumble recovery to score three touchdowns, and fought for all four quarters on both sides of the ball to defeat the Panthers for the first time in their last six meetings. Elba was missing its starting quarterback, a starting linebacker and a starting defensive back in the game, but got back two key defensive players for the game that had been forced to sit out the past few weeks with injuries and found a way to win on the road against a very good opponent. While it is true the Tigers made some mistakes and may have gotten a little lucky, it was a well deserved win and one that should pump some life back into the Tigers with four straight region games ahead on the schedule.

Zion Chapel explodes...

The fifth week of the season was filled with non-region games and the biggest game in the area was held up at Jack where the Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the Kinston Bulldogs in a cross-county shoot-out. Here's what happened...

*** Zion Chapel (1-4) almost blew out every bulb in the scoreboard last week in posting a big 67-16 win over Kinston. The Rebels made some adjustments to their offense during the week to out develop turnovers, and the changes worked wonders as sophomore Wesley Black ran for over 200 yards and scored seven touchdowns. One win doesn't make a season, but this one could lead to many more if the Rebels use it as a building block and keep on working.

*** Kinston (0-5) was convinced it would get its first win of the season against Zion Chapel, but fell behind early and never had a chance in the 67-16 loss to its cross-county rivals. The Bulldogs did move the ball well and Taylor Davis ran for almost 200 yards. However, on defense the 'Dogs couldn't slow the Rebels down and the result was one of the most lopsided losses ever in the long history of the series. The Kinston defense has allowed an average of 55 points a game this season, and until that stat drops the Bulldogs won't have a chance of snapping their long losing streak.

*** New Brockton (2-3) lost its third straight game in a 28-10 upset loss to Arton after a 2-0 start. The Gamecocks are now in trouble and need to turn things around in a hurry if they are to have any hopes of moving on to post-season play. The Gamecocks played hard in last week's loss and with a break or two could have pulled out the win. However, nothing seems to be going the Gamecocks way all of the sudden and they need a spark to turn things back around. With four region games coming up in the next four weeks they will certainly have the opportunity to get a big win and keep their playoff hopes alive.

*** Brantley (5-0) claimed an easy 56-6 win over Highland Home and in doing so reclaimed the Crenshaw County football title. The Bulldogs scored almost at will against the lowly Squadron and emptied their bench for much of the second half to let the starters get a breather as they prepare for four straight region opponents. Wins have come so easy for the Bulldogs it is almost scary, but there is no doubt the wins were the result of many long hours of practice and the 'Dogs will keep on working and not look past any team on their schedule.

It was a high scoring week...

It was a high scoring week in high school football across the state as 35 teams scored in the 30's, 48 teams scored in the 40's, 12 teams scored in the 50's, 6 teams scored in the 60's and 2 teams scored in the 70's. The 70-point games included Shades Mountain Christian rolling past Jefferson Christian 75-26 and Sweet Water posting a 78-0 win over J.F. Shields in a game in which Sweet Water led 51-0 in the first quarter and in which a running clock with six minute quarters was used the final three quarters. Here's a look at some more results...

*** Straughn spotted Opp an early 14-0 lead and came roaring back to improve to 5-0 with a 35-20 win over the Bobcats. Straughn wasn't expected to be a power this season, but at the midway point looks like a team to watch as the second half of the season kicks off and the playoffs draw near. These Tigers are for real.

*** Goshen had won only one game the entire season, but came to life and stunned Pike County as the Eagles pounded the Bulldogs 51-26, in Brundidge. Everyone knew things would change this season for Pike County with the loss to long time head coach

Wayne Grant, but no one thought the drop would come so quickly or be so abrupt. Unless the Bulldogs can turn things around soon the new coach may need to buy a bulletproof vest.

*** Enterprise claimed its second win of the season with a wild 42-28 win over Eufula, and while the win didn't really come as a surprise the score did. Eufula entered the game with one of the top defenses in the state in the 5A ranks, but got pushed around by the Wildcats and simply put got lit up. It will be interesting to see if the 'Cats are that good or the Tigers are that bad.

*** In other action... Leroy flexed its muscle and outscored previously undefeated 4A power Jackson 63-34. T.R. Miller needed two fourth quarter touchdowns to sneak past lowly Clarke County 17-15, Rehobeth got its first win of the season with a shocking 27-14 win over previously undefeated Daleville, Andalusia lost for the fourth time in five outings with a 29-0 loss to Greenville. Geneva County lost for the first time in a 15-7 battle against Cottonwood, Charles Henderson slipped to 3-2 with a wild 41-38 overtime loss to Theodore, Headland got its first win with a 28-6 victory over Samson, Jeff Davis fell to 0-5 and is now allowing 47 points a game after a 49-19 loss to Auburn, Dothan slipped to 0-5 on the season with a 22-18 setback to a weak Carroll Eagle squad, Slocomb knocked off previously undefeated Houston Academy 42-17 and G.W. Long's celebration after its win over Elba ended with a 24-6 loss to Wicksburg.

For what it is worth...

*** Alabama turned more than a few heads with its 41-30 win over #3 Georgia and maybe now the Bulldogs and their fans will pile up their black jerseys and shirts and have a big black bonfire. The Crimson Tide may not be anywhere as good as many die-hard fans are declaring, but after five weeks the Bama fans are still having a ball.

*** Auburn turned in another pitiful offensive performance in a 14-12 win over equally bad Tennessee. I know Auburn fans are crying about the lack of a quality quarterback, but if the guy that played for the Vols Saturday is the best they have they have more problems than Auburn. As for the Tony Franklin spread... Seeing is believing.

*** The SEC got turned upside down last weekend with Florida and Georgia both dropping conference games. Early in the season the SEC was grabbing headlines with four teams in the top ten in the nation, but now that the conference schedule has started the balance in the conference is shifting and many of the teams are falling down in the polls. Hey, it's still the best conference in the nation by a long way.

*** Major League Baseball is ready to begin its playoffs and for many fans in the area there really isn't anybody to cheer for. Tampa Bay is in Florida and may get a little interest, but they are in the American League and that hurts fan interest. Philadelphia is back in the National League East, and while Braves fans are familiar with the Phillies no one really cares. I guess many baseball fans would like to see a World Series between the Cubs and Red Sox, but as for me the post-season will be something I watch when there is nothing else on the tube.

*** In closing... Elba's Termit Tigers and Pee Wee Tigers both clinched berths in the Tri-County Football League Super Bowl last week as they remained undefeated and improved to 4-0 with wins over New Brockton. The Midget Tigers have started slow and need to win their last two to make the post-season, but they are still alive and could very well get rolling. The next home game will be on Oct. 18 against Arton, and I urge all our fans to come out and watch the future Elba Tigers in action.

Polish Prognosticator picks preps...

The Polish Prognosticator dropped by earlier than usual over the weekend and was still fired up about Elba's big upset win on the road over Geneva. The local guesstest picked the Panthers to win the game, but said he was happy to miss that one and made it clear that win or lose he will always bleed black and gold. He hit on 25 of 34 picks last week to move his season totals to 138-38, and left this week's picks convinced the best was yet to come...

In region match-up

Tigers and Gamecocks ready to do battle

Elba vs. New Brockton

Zion Chapel vs. Reeltown

Kinston vs. Arton

Brantley vs. Pleasant Home

Other picks:

Wadley 56 Donoho 0

Providence Ch. 38 Florala 13

Sweet Water 63 Frisco City 6

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G.W. Long 20 Barbour County 18

Cottonwood 21 Houston Academy 17

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Fountain 62 Mobile Christian 0

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Elba vs. New Brockton

The Pea River felines will make the short hike past Shiloh and over to the by-pass this week looking for a chicken dinner. However, the roosters that strut around the coop over in Brockton won't be in any mood to simply lie down and play dead and will have their spurs sharpened. Look for fur and feathers to be flying in this one that will be won by....

ELBA 27 NEW BROCKTON 20

ZION CHAPEL VS. REELTOWN

The troops from up at Fort Jack used a lot of ammunition last week and shot out the lights on the scoreboard in a 67-point explosion, but this week must regroup and reload in a hurry as a band of Rebs from way up across the four-lane will invade looking to ambush the troops at their own fort. The action should be fierce and when the last shot is fired the scoreboard will read....

REELTOWN 41 ZION CHAPEL 16

KINSTON VS. ARITON

The pups from down near the county line didn't enjoy their trip across the county last week and this week will try and give the alumni something to cheer about when take the field hoping to chase away some crazy colored kitties from up river. The kitties may be a little leg weary after the long trip, but should have more than enough left to hand the pups another spanking to the tune of....

ARITON 50 KINSTON 14

BRANTLEY VS. PLEASANT HOME

The bulldogs from up across the river will get to play at the pound this week and word is they have a trap set for some birds that should be flying by sometime early Friday night. These birds have been known to slip through some traps and make it back home safely, but if they get too close to the pound the trip will end and the result will be....

BRANTLEY 41 PLEASANT HOME 7

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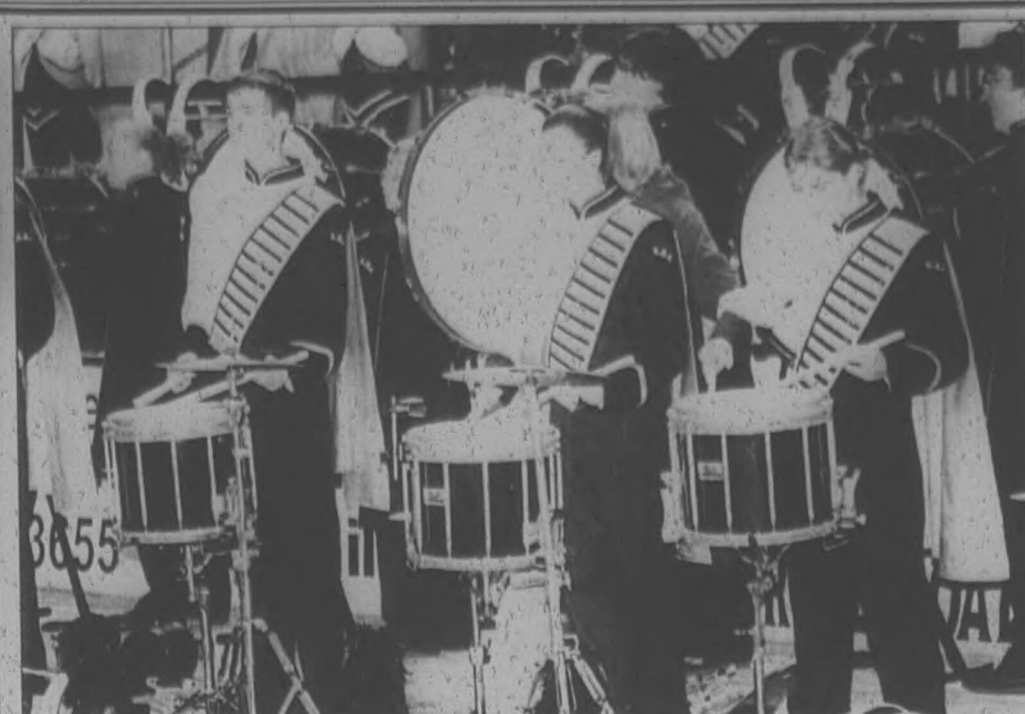
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SPORTS



Elba freshman linebacker Tyler Anderson (10) jars the football loose from the Geneva quarterback in action Friday night in the Tigers' 21-14 win over the Panthers. Anderson made a total of 18 tackles in the big win. Closing in for help is Tiger teammate Antwan Griffin (7).



Elba Marching Tigers kept the Tiger spirit alive and well as they performed at halftime and in the bleachers Friday night in the Tigers' big 21-14 win over Geneva. In the photo above members of the drum line keep the beat from the sidelines as the band plays the Elba Tiger Fight Song.

Improve record to 4-1

Big plays lift Elba over Geneva 21-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Photos by Mike Capps

In a game filled with big plays it was the Elba Tigers that saved the biggest for last as they returned a fumble for a touchdown with only one minute left on the clock to stun the Geneva Panthers 21-14 Friday night at Hugh Owens Stadium in Geneva.

The win capped Elba's record to 4-1 and snapped a five-game losing streak to the Panthers, while Geneva saw its record slip to 2-3 with the loss.

Elba received the opening kickoff and behind the running of Carlos Matias began a drive toward the Geneva endzone. Matias gained 85 yards on 4 carries to lead the Tigers to a first down at the Geneva 11-yardline. However, a fumble on first down handed the ball over to the Panthers and ended the early scoring threat.

Geneva was also ready to roll on offense and behind the running of Jeremy Justice marched downfield to reach a first down and goal at the Elba 6-yardline. Two running plays and a fumble left the Panthers facing a fourth down and goal back at the 15, and on the key fourth down play a pass missed by Tim Soles, who returned the interception 45 yards for a touchdown. Thomas Blakeney kicked the extra-point and with 26 remaining in the first quarter the Panthers owned a 7-0 lead.

The two rivals swapped punts on the next four offensive series and Elba found itself backed up at its own 2-yardline after a 35-yard Panther punt late in the half. The Tigers were 97 yards away from paydirt, but covered the distance in only five plays as they got on the scoreboard with even a 32-yard gain by Gavin Respress on a reverse on third down and five kept the drive alive early, while the touchdown came when Gunnar McCollough faked a handoff and lofted a pass to a wide-open Richard Cooks that covered 57 yards and resulted in a Tiger touchdown. Cooks added the extra-point and with 53 left in the half Elba had caught Geneva at 7-7.

Geneva failed to threaten on its initial possession of the second half, but its offense came back to life on its second series as the Panthers drove 68 yards in 11 plays to regain the lead. Eries Copes and Jeremy Justice took turns butting heads with the Elba defense on the long scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 55-yard dash by Nick Bahr. Blakeney kicked the extra-point and with 1:15 remaining in the third quarter the Panthers were back on top 14-7.

The lead didn't last for long, however, as on the ensuing kickoff Elba's Carlos Matias fielded the kick at the Elba 15-yardline, burst through a whole in the middle of the field and raced untouched 85 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Richard Cooks added the extra-point

and with 1:01 remaining in the quarter the score was tied again at 14-14.

Neither team was able to lead the Elba defense, while Colton Vaughan had 9 tackles, 4 assists and a forced fumble. Dylan McCollough had 6 tackles and 5 assists. Gavin Respress had 8 tackles, 3 assists and a 90-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. Carlos Matias had 5 tackles and 4 assists and

freshman Tyler Anderson had 7 tackles and 11 assists to lead the Elba defense, while Colton Vaughan had 9 tackles, 4 assists and a forced fumble. Dylan McCollough had 6 tackles and 5 assists. Gavin Respress had 8 tackles, 3 assists and a 90-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. Carlos Matias had 5 tackles and 4 assists and

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SPORTS



READY OR NOT ... Brantley's Anthony Gulley (2) hands off to Devante Porter (5) on a reverse in action Friday night in the Bulldogs' 56-6 win over Highland Home. Porter took the handoff and raced 23 yards for a touchdown in opening quarter play in the easy win. Pulling to block is Chase Hall (7).



New Brockton's Coach Jim Bob Striplin talks with his team during a time-out last week in the Gamecocks' 28-10 loss to Arton. The Gamecocks will be looking to even their region record this week when they host the Elba Tigers.

Lose third straight

Gamecocks cooled off by 'Cats 28-10

Statistics and photos by Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their victory drought reach three weeks Friday night with a 28-10 loss to the Arton Purple Cats, at Gamecock Stadium.

Arton kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back near midfield after a New Brockton punt and scored in less than a minute to grab an early lead. The score came on a 42-yard run by Anthony Sanders, while the extra-point was unsuccessful as the Purple Cats moved ahead 6-0 with 7:55 remaining in the first quarter.

New Brockton began its ensuing possession at its own 19-yardline and this time had success moving the ball against the Arton defense as it drove to the Purple Cat 22-yardline. The drive stalled, however, and the Gamecocks settled for three-

points when Kyle Roehler drilled a 39-yard field goal to pull New Brockton within 7-3 with 4:01 remaining in the quarter.

Neither team mounted a scoring threat until midway through the second quarter when the Purple Cats drove 70 yards to add to their lead. Anthony Sanders capped the long scoring drive with an 18-yard touchdown scamper, and Leonard Terry ran in the two-point conversion as Arton moved ahead 14-3 with 5:40 left in the second quarter.

New Brockton began its ensuing possession at its own 25-yardline and drove 75 yards to cross the goal line for the first time in the game. Tevin McNair gained 4 yards on a key fourth down and one to keep the drive alive, and it was McNair that scored the touchdown on a 1-yard plunge. Roehler booted the extra-point and with 4:14 remaining on the clock the

Gamecocks had pulled within 14-10.

The New Brockton defense rose up to turn back an Arton scoring threat early in the third quarter at the Gamecocks' 16-yardline, but the Purple Cats got the ball back near midfield on a New Brockton punt and this time took advantage of the excellent field-position to extend its lead. The score came on a 32-yard run by Anthony Sanders, and the extra-point was again true as the 'Cats upped their lead to 21-10 with 3:32 remaining in the quarter.

Arton recovered a Gamecock fumble at the New Brockton 36-yardline early in the fourth quarter and cashed in the turnover to take command. The touchdown came on a 31-yard pass from Daniel Harden to Jonathan Lampley, and the extra-point moved the Purple Cats' lead to 28-10 with 6:05 left in the game.

New Brockton refused to throw in the towel despite the 18-point deficit and took the ensuing kickoff and drove to a first down and goal at the Arton 9-yardline. Two penalties backed the Gamecocks up to the 19; however, and the scoring threat ended when a fourth down pass missed its target as Arton held on to claim the 28-10 win.

Tevin McNair gained 69 yards on 25 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the New Brockton ground game, while Hunter Cauley completed 10 of 14 passes for 124 yards, with Seth Culverhouse pulling in 6 catches for 106 yards. David Davidson made 10 tackles to lead the New Brockton defense, while Seth Culverhouse had 9 stops.

Anthony Sanders gained 161 yards on 22 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead Arton, while Daniel Harden completed 3 of 6 passes for 48 yards and 1 touchdown.

STATISTICS

	NB	A
1st Downs	13	8
Rushing-Yds.	35-103	31-204
Passing-Yds.	139	48
Total Offense	242	252
11-16-0	11-16-0	3-6-0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Penalties-Yds.	8-68	6-60

Claims county crown

Brantley grounds Squadron 56-6

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs regained the Crenshaw County football championship Friday night with a dominant performance as they used 10 different running backs and rolled up 350 yards on the ground in a 56-6 romp past the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

Devontay Porter got the first score of the night when he returned a Tyler McGough punt 65 yards for a touchdown. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point and with 9:46 remaining in the first quarter the Bulldogs were already on top 7-0.

The next three possessions all ended in turnovers as Brantley's Chris Walker recovered a fumble at the Highland Home 24-yardline, only to see the Squadron's Kevin Bowen get the ball right back on a Bulldog bobble on the next play from scrimmage. Three plays later the Bulldogs' Chase Hall intercepted a pass at the Highland Home 33-yardline, and this time Brantley held onto the ball as on its next snap Anthony Gulley took a pitch around left end and raced untouched 33 yards into the endzone. Barnes booted the extra-point and with 5:55 left in the opening quarter Brantley was on top 14-0.

Brantley regained possession three plays later at the Highland Home 33-yardline on a fumble recovery by Devontay Porter, but this time the Bulldogs weren't able to cash in the turnover as the Squadron's Cody Peterson intercepted a Brantley pass near the goal line.

Brantley got the ball back at the Highland Home 40-yardline after a short punt and on the third play of the possession Devontay Porter took a reverse handoff from Anthony Gulley and raced 23 yards for a touchdown. Britt Barnes booted the extra-point and with 1:02 still left in the first quarter Brantley's lead had grown to 21-0.

The Bulldogs' next possession began at their own 38-yardline and again ended in the Highland Home endzone. The 62-yard scoring drive took seven plays and climaxed when Anthony Gulley scored on a 48-yard dash around the right end. Barnes kicked the extra-point and with 6:45 remaining in the second quarter Brantley owned a 28-0 advantage.

Brantley's Anthony Gulley picked off a Highland Home pass and returned it to the Bulldog 46-yardline on the Squadron's ensuing possession, and once again the Bulldogs



BULLDOG TOUCHDOWN... Brantley's Tory Upshaw (1) pulls in a 16-yard touchdown pass to up Brantley's lead to 34-0 late in the second quarter. The Bulldogs will host Pleasant Home Friday night in a region encounter.

wasted little time adding to their lead. The 54-yard scoring drive took nine plays, with the touchdown coming on a 16-yard pass from Chase Hall to Tory Upshaw on a fade route in the corner of the endzone. Britt Barnes ended the first half scoring with 1:05 left on the clock with the extra-point and at half-time the Bulldogs owned a solid 35-0 advantage.

The opening of the second half was like a repeat of the first half as Brantley received the opening kickoff and lit up the scoreboard in only one minute and thirty-seconds. Chase Hall connected with Anthony Gulley on a 40-yard scoring pass and Britt Barnes booted the extra-point as the Bulldogs' lead grew to 42-0 with 10:30 remaining in the stanza.

The Bulldogs' second offensive unit got in on the action on the ensuing possession and didn't miss a beat as Brantley drove 65 yards in 10 plays to reach paydirt. Zack Johnson hit Adam Hill with a 19-yard scoring strike, and Barnes booted the extra-point to give the Bulldogs a 49-0 lead with 3:55 remaining in the third quarter.

Highland Home managed to get the goose egg of its side of the scoreboard on its ensuing possession as the Flying

B	1st Downs	HH
18	1st Downs	10
32-350	Rushes-Yds.	24-107
95	Passing Yds.	85
445	Total Offense	192
5-12-1	Passes	8-173
96	Return Yds.	128
1	Fumbles Lost	2
6-50	Penalties-Yds.	1-5
0-00	Punts-Ave.	4-24

In prep football action

Area teams return to region wars

The sixth week of the high school football season marks a return to the region wars for teams all across the state, and for teams in the area it marks a return home with all three teams hosting region opponents.

Following is a preview of this week's games:

(4-3) Reeltown at (1-4) Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels and Reeltown Rebels will meet for the first time ever Friday night in a key region contest for both teams. Zion Chapel got its first win of the season last week in a big 67-6 win over Kinston, and this week will look at its first region win. Reeltown struggled to a 15-16 record the past three seasons, but has turned things back around under the guidance of Jackie O'Neal, in his 21st year at the Rebel helm. Reeltown opened the season with a 15-0 loss to Dadeville, but has won four straight in rolling past Francis Marion 49-0, Highland Home 41-18, Goshen 41-6 and Loachapoka 24-14. The Rebels from Coffee County will be big underdogs in this contest, but after last week's win should be confident and looking forward to the challenge.

(3-2) Arton at (0-5) Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to put an end to their 20-game losing streak Friday night when they host the Arton Purple Cats. It will mark the 22nd meeting between the two rivals, with the Purple Cats leading the series 16-5 and riding a 7-game winning streak over the Bulldogs. Kinston has surrendered an average of 55 points a game this season in dropping its first five games, and must find a way to slow down its opponents to have any hope of snapping its long losing streak. Arton was expected to battle for the region title this season, but will enter the game with a 3-2 record, 1-2 in region play. The Purple Cats have posted wins over Headland 34-12, Pleasant Home 40-8 and New Brockton 28-10, while losing to McKenzie 42-28 and Brantley

Limit on flounder now in effect in Alabama

For the first time, Alabama anglers are now restricted in the number of flounder allowed in the daily creel limit. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, signed the new saltwater fishing regulations, which contains a 10-fish daily creel limit on flounder, as well as increases in the minimum size limits on triggerfish and amberjack.

Before, there was a 12-inch minimum size limit on flounder but no creel limit. The Blankenship also reminds anglers that all fishing licenses expired on Aug. 31. Fishing licenses for the 2008-2009 season went on sale Aug. 27.

SPORTS

In homecoming win

Rebels bury Bulldogs 67-16

Statistics by Wesley Hunko
and Chris Winters
Photos by Matt Winters



2008 HOMECOMING QUEEN AND COURT...Zion Chapel High School recognized the 2008 Homecoming Queen and Court last Friday evening, Sept. 26, prior to the start of the Homecoming game. This year's court included: (front) Little Miss Homecoming Hannah Arnold and Little Mr. Homecoming Christian Turner; (back, left to right) Lindsey Amlong, 12th grade attendant; Hayden Goodson, 12th grade attendant; Kirsten Collins, 2008 Homecoming Queen; Heather Hines, 11th grade attendant; Kayla Hurd, 10th grade attendant; and Cheyenne Nelson, 9th grade attendant.



Zion Chapel's Wesley Black (24) heads outside and looks for room to run as teammates Garrett Stinson (25) and Lance Walden (28) provide protection. Black gained 204 yards and scored 6 touchdowns in 22 carries and returned a punt 48 yards for a touchdown to lead the Rebels to a 67-16 homecoming win over Kinston.

Dove season to open October 4 for 70 days in South Alabama with 15-a-day bag limit

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced that the final framework for the 2008 dove season has been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This year the north and south zones in Alabama will hunt under a 70-day season with a 15-a-day bag limit. This change represents an increase in the bag limit for the south

zone and an increase of the number of hunting days for the north zone.

The south zone includes Baldwin, Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Mobile counties. The remaining counties are in the north zone.

The season dates are: SOUTH ZONE: 12 O'clock

noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
October 4 One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
October 5 - November 2 One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
November 27 - November 30 One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
December 6 - January 10, 2009

NORTH ZONE: 12 O'clock

Shooting Only
September 6 One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
September 7 - October 5 One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
October 25 - November 15 One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
December 13 - December 30

The mourning dove is the most abundant game bird in Alabama. Over 62,000 licensed hunters enjoy dove hunting. For further information, go to www.outdooralabama.com.



Cody Daniels brought home another trophy in Sundays 4-stroke mini class action at TheRiverside Motocross in Newton, AL. After winning Moto 1 (his first win for his rookie season) he finished 3rd in Moto 2 for a very close 2nd overall. In 2008, Cody has finished in the top 5 in 3 out of 4 events. He is the rider of the #108 Yamaha and the son of Tim Daniels and Sherry Hughes.

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Thursday, October 2

Opp at Elba (JV-V) 4:00
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (JV-V) 4:00
Kinston at Enterprise (JV-V) 5:00

Saturday, October 4

New Brockton, at G.W. Long Tourney
Kinston, at St. James Tourney

Tuesday, October 7

New Brockton at Cottonwood (V) 4:30
Pleasant Home at Kinston (V) 4:00
Pleasant Home vs. Dothan (V) 5:00
Dothan at Kinston (V) 6:00

Thursday, October 9

Elba at Cottonwood (JV-V) 4:00
Zion Chapel at Goshen (JV-V) 4:00
Barbour County at New Brockton (V) 4:00
Houston County at New Brockton (V) 5:00

In prep volleyball

Lady Rebels improve record to 11-0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels continued their perfect season on the volleyball court last week as they posted wins over Pike County and Straughn to improve their record to 11-0.

The Lady Rebels met Pike County last Tuesday afternoon and rolled to a 25-5, 25-23, 25-7 win. Kelli Behrens had 6 aces and 5 kills to lead Zion Chapel, while Ciara Smith had 3 aces and 12 assists. Heather Hines had 2 aces and Nicole Holloway had 5 kills.

The Lady Rebels opposed Straughn Thursday afternoon and claimed a 25-8, 27-25, 25-16 win. Kelli Behrens had 10 kills, 2 aces and 9 digs to lead Zion Chapel, while Cheyenne Nelson had 5 kills, 3 aces and 8 digs and Nicole Holloway had 3 aces, 5 kills and 6 digs. Ciara Smith had 22 assists, Heather Hines had 16 digs, Janie Hall had 10 digs and Hillarie Davis had 7 digs.



Rebel running back Garrett Stinson (25) turns the corner and finds room to ramble in last week's 67-16 win over Kinston. Stinson gained 78 yards on 7 carries and caught one pass for 21 yards in the big win.

loose and raced 71 yards for a later Wesley Black was back at work as he ramled 38 yards for his seventh touchdown of the night. Lance Walden passed to Justin Winters for the two-point conversion and with 5:54 left in the third quarter Zion Chapel's lead had ballooned to 60-16.

A pass interception by Zion Chapel's Zack Semm highlighted the game's next four possessions as neither team could mount a scoring threat. However, the Rebels' Mark Blantz recovered a fumble at the Kinston 24-yardline midway through the fourth quarter and the Rebels cashed in on the turnover to score the final points of the game. Dustin Rigby scored the touchdown on a 6-yard run with 4:19 remaining on the clock and Shane Barnhill booted the extra-point to give the Rebels the big 67-16 homecoming win over Kinston.

Wesley Black gained 204 yards on 22 carries and scored 6 touchdowns to lead Zion Chapel, and also returned a punt 48 yards for a score. Garrett Stinson added 78 yards on 7 carries and Lance Walden completed 3 of 5 passes for 62 yards and 1 touchdown.

Taylor Davis gained 185 yards on 16 carries to lead Kinston and JR. Fleming added 36 yards on 5 carries. Jake Kelley had 8 tackles to lead the Bulldog defense and Johnathon Golden, Wesley Burton and Taylor Davis all made 6 stops.

STATISTICS

ZC	K
14	1st Downs 9
43-320	Rushes-Yds. 27-225
83	Passing Yds. 88
403	Total Offense 263
4-6-0	Passes 4-11-2
1-0	Fumbles Lost 7-2
10-70	Penalties-Yds. 5-25



Lady Rebel digs one out in recent volleyball action.

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Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to CHARLES H. HURD on the 16th day of September 2008, by the Honorable William C. Gannmiller, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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sioner Linda Westbrook.

Commissioner Jim Thompson said he agreed with Commissioner Grimsley.

"It comes to \$258 per quarter per center," said Thompson.

"Let's just take it from what we left over."

Stephens said he simply did not want to risk not having any meals at the senior center.

"The people who provide the food do not want to deliver to anyone who receives less than 25 meals per day. We just need to guarantee at least that many," Stephens said.

A vote was taken on the amendment to the original motion, which passed unanimously.

Following the vote, another vote was taken on the original motion as amended, and it also passed unanimously.

County Administrator Kathy Lolley said contracts for those who provide the food needed to be renewed starting tomorrow.

She asked for a motion on renewing the contracts.

Robert Stephens made the motion and Commissioner Linda Westbrook

brock seconded it. A vote was taken to renew the contracts and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley

adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will take place on Monday, Oct. 13, in New Brockton.



KINSTON HOMECOMING COURT...The students at Kinston High School have elected their 2008 homecoming court. Shown standing left to right are: Bethany Hawthorne, Sophomore attendant; Alex Kelley, Senior attendant; Taylor Wilkerson, Freshman attendant; Ashton Parker, Senior attendant; and Courtney Parrish, Junior attendant. Seated in front is 2008 Homecoming Queen Crystal Baker. Homecoming activities at Kinston will commence with the parade Friday, Oct. 3, at 2:15 p.m. followed by an open house and alumni reception in the auditorium. The queen and her court will be presented at half time of the game against Ardon. Kick-off will be at 7 p.m.

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WHIT SHEHEE HELPED HIS DAD raise money for "Jerry's Kids" last Saturday, Sept. 27, during the Elba Fire Department's Fall-the-Boot Drive for MDA. Whit came dressed for the occasion all decked-out in his firefighting apparel and received lots of attention from motorists ready and willing to donate to the cause. Whit is the son of Kelly and Kayron Shehee of Elba.



Elba fireman Rory Vignola convinces motorist Ann Beck to "give the cause" last Saturday during the local department's annual MDA boot drive. While the overall effort is a serious subject for the firefighters, there also was lots of fun to be had during the 4-hour event, and reportedly Vignola generated many laughs with his antics.

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City of Elba receives grant to upgrade sewer lift stations

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba Mayor James Grimes announced this week that as part of a continuing effort to flood proof Elba, the city applied for and received FEMA approval for a large grant to upgrade four sewer lift stations and elevate them out of harm's way during a flood or other times of excessive surface water.

The project will cost \$925,800 of which \$713,866 will be the federal match for the project. This includes over \$19,000 for administrative expenses.

The City of Elba will use some in-kind work to fulfill the matching part of the project, according to the mayor.

The project must be started within 90 days of the grant approval and completed by February 28, 2011 if no extensions are granted.

Lift stations involved are #1, at Pea River Bridge, costing \$218,000; #3, off Smith Avenue, costing \$226,000; #8, the Putnam Street pump, costing \$248,600 and #10, on Martin Luther King Drive, costing \$232,600.

The different cost numbers are due to the need for larger pumps and stronger standby generators at some of the locations. Included at each site are submersible pumps, support structure, electric panels, standby generators, switches and insulation, etc.

Municipal run-off elections held in Elba and New Brockton Lenwood Herron selected as next mayor for Town of New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The municipalities of Elba and New Brockton each held a municipal run-off election on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

In Elba, only voters of District Three were asked to go to the polls and select their representative for the Elba City Council. Vying for the spot were Mike McKee (incumbent) and H.H. Culver.

Culver edged McKee in this race, and will represent District Three. Culver received 63 votes to McKee's 54 votes.

This total included 115 votes cast on Tuesday and two properly submitted absentee ballots. Election officials said a total of five absentee ballots were actually submitted for the runoff election, but only two counted because three of the five ballots were not witnessed or notarized.

The voters of New Brockton chose the town's next mayor on Tuesday. A total of 492 votes were cast in this race (including 37 absentee ballots).

The mayor's race was decided between Lenwood Herron and Rodger Harrison.

With an eight vote difference,

Lenwood Herron was elected by New Brockton voters to be the town's next mayor. Herron received 242 votes.

The newly elected municipal officials for Elba, New Brockton and Kinston will take office in November.

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Now only a month away

Elba preparing for first-ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash

by Linda Hodge, Editor

An exciting fun-filled day for the family is being planned for Saturday, Nov. 8, as the Elba Chamber of Commerce along with the City of Elba will sponsor the first-ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival. The event will be held at Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba, and gates will open at 10 a.m.

Admission is \$5. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Passes in and out will be allowed.

The Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash, sanctioned by the Florida BBQ Association (FBA), is a cook-off event that will feature professional and backyard barbecue contests. Cash prizes will be awarded.

"We are really excited to host this barbecue contest," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Our event has been proclaimed by the governor to be the 2008 FBA Alabama State Championship."

The Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash also is a FBA Triple Crown Contest and will be the last chance for teams to qual-

ify for the FBA 2008 Triple Crown Championship set for Dec. 12-13 in Perry, Fla.

In addition, the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash is a Jack Daniels Qualifier event.

"While the barbecue teams are preparing their best selections for the judges, we've also got lots of other activities planned throughout the day," Whitworth said. "It truly will be a day for the entire family."

The arts and crafts festival will be a great opportunity for everyone to get started with their Christmas shopping as a variety of vendors are expected, and Whitworth said there certainly should be no lack of food.

Several games and activities are being planned for the youngsters, as well as

games for the young-at-heart.

"We've got some exciting entertainment acts lined up for the day," Whitworth said. "And, we're planning to hold a vocal contest that should be very entertaining."

The "Wiregrass Star" is a vocal contest that will be held during the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival.

Anyone can enter this contest. There is a \$25 entry fee, and the winner will be awarded a \$500 cash prize.

A panel of qualified judges will grade participants on the following: quality of performance, originality of performance, "star" quality, stage presence and how well the material reflects the selected music style. The winner will be selected from performances

held during the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash event on Nov. 8, but according to Whitworth, there may be a need for a preliminary round prior to the Nov. 8th event depending upon the number of entries for the contest.

The deadline to enter the "Wiregrass Star" event is Friday, Oct. 24.

Two concerts are planned for the event.

Shane Owens, a country music artist, will perform at 3 p.m. His performance will be followed by the awards ceremony for the BBQ Bash.

The day's events will conclude with a 3-hour concert by the showband Clutch beginning at 6 p.m.

"Clutch is well-known for the band's performances at Breakers in Panama City Beach, Fla., and we are happy to welcome the band to Elba for the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival," said Whitworth.

For more information regarding the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival set for Saturday, Nov. 8, in Elba, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125 or visit the website: www.elbaalabama.net.

Coffee County BOE approves bid for bleacher replacement project at Zion Chapel

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Chapel. The low bid was submitted by CM Group, LLC of Mobile, Ala. at \$183,684. The bid was approved pending approval from the architect.

Dr. Ingram said an architect's report revealed the need to replace these bleachers. She said this bleacher project will include a concrete slab with grandstand bleachers on top of the concrete.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Ingram, board members voted to declare a couple of painting projects at Kinston and New Brockton as public works projects.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, the superintendent also informed board members that the 20th day for attendance numbers had passed, and the Coffee County School System overall

order to do this, he said a grant will be needed.

Herron said the USDA only furnishes 35 percent of the start up cost, and the town must match it with 65 percent of the cost.

Town clerk Annette Williams said the town's current garbage service contract will expire in March 2009. At that point, she said the town will either have to rebid the contract or start its own garbage service. She added that indications point towards the cost going up if the

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has an increase of students for the 2008-09 school year. She said the final figures will be ready on Oct. 15th.

Dr. Ingram did note that Kinston is the only county school system with a decrease in students this year.

The next regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.

New Brockton Town Council approves "tentative" budget for FY2009

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton Town Council members met Monday evening, Oct. 6, for the regular monthly meeting and worked quickly through a lengthy agenda.

In the absence of Mayor Charles Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Johnnie Herron presided over the meeting.

Council members voted to approve a "tentative" budget for Fiscal Year 2009. Herron said it was decided to approve a tentative budget so the new town council, which takes office in November, can revamp

and make changes if necessary.

Herron said the tentative budget is a reprint of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget. He added that the council needed to approve a tentative budget so the town can legally continue to operate and pay the bills.

Council members also voted Monday evening to approve a resolution to apply for a USDA grant for a garbage truck.

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Area Happenings

THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Oct. 10, with the Elba Tigers hosting Houston Academy, the New Brockton Gamecocks traveling to Barbour County, the Zion Chapel Rebels traveling to R.C. Hatch, the Kinston Bulldogs traveling to Pleasant Home and the Brantley Bulldogs traveling to McKenzie. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

THE SOUTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Main Center located at 19815 Bay Branch Road, Andalusia, Ala.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOME-COMING Friday, Oct. 17. Festivities will begin with the Coronation at 9:45 a.m. in the stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1978 with a tea at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. Lineup for the parade will begin at 1:30 with the parade beginning promptly at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Entries should be listed by calling Jane Moseley at EHS (897-2266). Parade entry deadline is Oct. 10th. The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Samson at 7 p.m.

THE COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU CLINICS will be held Friday, Oct. 24, and Friday, Oct. 31, at the Enterprise Recreation Center, located at 421 E. Lee Street (behind Cutis Restaurant), from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will also be a clinic held Friday, Nov. 7, at the Coffee County Health Department, 2841 Neal Metcalf Rd., Enterprise, Ala., from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Anyone attending the clinics is asked to bring their Medicare card, State Employees Insurance Card, ACTIVE Medicaid Card (full coverage only), or there will be a small fee. For more information call 347-9574.

town has to rebid the contract.

Council member Jeff White made a motion with a second from council member Cal Donnia Howard to approve the resolution to submit the application to USDA for the grant. The motion passed unanimously.

White concluded that the council could go ahead and submit the application, and if the new town council does not want to go this way, they can do something different.

Council members addressed a request from Praise and Glory Church for help to install a driveway.

Council member White said he and council members Cal Donnia Howard and Billy Brantley have looked at the area and decided it would be too hazardous to put a driveway where the church is requesting it (on Lee Street). He added, however, if the church members want to consider putting a driveway on John Street, the town would be willing to work with them.

A motion to turn down the request to put a driveway on Lee Street was unanimously approved by council members.

White did ask the town clerk to send a letter or call the church explaining the council's reason for turning down the request. He also asked the clerk to tell them the council will be more than happy to help if they will consider putting the driveway in front of the church.

Based on a recommendation from the planning commission, council members voted to approve a request from a resident to start a mulching mill business on Tyler Street.

Several announcements were made during Monday evening's council meeting, including:

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LOCAL QUEENS SET TO COMPETE IN LITTLE MISS NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL PAGEANT

Recently while attending a parent orientation and tea, 50 young ladies from 14 counties in 3 states began preparing to compete for the title of Little Miss National Peanut Festival. The pageant will take place on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Dothan Civic Center. Everyone is invited to plan to attend and cheer for their local representative as she has the time of her life with hopes of being crowned the next Little Miss National Peanut Festival Queen. Little Miss area queens from Coffee County, shown with reigning queens, are: Reigning Little Miss National Peanut Festival Queen - Reagan Cleveland, Little Miss Coffee County - Addison Nix, Little Miss Elba - Brayton Martin, Little Miss Enterprise - Chloe McClemey, Little Miss New Brockton - Christina Green, Little Miss Zion Chapel - Whitney Senn, and Miss National Peanut Festival - Madison Wester. For a complete calendar of events for the 65th annual National Peanut Festival visit www.nationalpeanutfestival.com.